



Statewide Long-Range Multimodal Transportation Plan Policy Committee Meeting

Meeting Summary

April 14, 2004

9:00

Virginia Port Authority

Ms. Julia Connally opened the meeting, introduced the guests and thanked the committee for their attendance. Mr. Robert Bray welcomed everyone to the Port offices.

There was no public comment.

The March meeting minutes were approved.

Ms. Barbara Reese, VDOT's Chief Financial Officer, presented information on the following:

- revenue sources – motor fuel taxes, motor vehicle sales and use taxes, motor vehicle license fees, and state general sales and use tax, as well as funding from the FHWA and FTA;
- revenue history – buying power is down, revenues have increased a small amount, fuel consumption is down;
- 20-year revenue forecast – assuming average annual growth rates of 1.7% for HMOF, 2.2% for TTF, and 1.6% for federal funds, the 20-year revenue totals will be approximately \$79 billion for all modes;
- transportation funding – the Code of Virginia and Appropriations Act dictate how transportation revenues are allocated by the CTB;
- and highway program funding – 4% growth rate will not be sufficient for maintenance. May need to consider using federal funds for maintenance, which will require the state to follow federal standards, possibly resulting in projects costing more, thus getting a smaller return for the money. However, beginning in 2018, it is projected that state funds will not be sufficient to provide a match for federal funds.

The four modal agencies were requested to present their needs and projected revenues.

Ms. Karen Rae, Director, VDRPT, presented the results of a recently conducted mass transit needs assessment. The needs assessment looked at three scenarios – Status Quo, Strategic Investment and a Fully Integrated System. It is projected to cost \$28.8 billion (needs presented by year of expenditure) to provide capital and operating funds for a fully integrated system from 2005 to 2025. Ms. Rae suggested possible changes to existing policy such as requiring a standard for access to public transportation (much like the

DOAV standard of having a commercial airport within 45 minutes of every citizen in Virginia), reassessing transportation funding support to increase revenue sources, and reassessing current VDRPT methods of funding each transit provider equally. Ms. Rae also proposed the consideration of providing dedicated rail funding where currently there is none.

Mr. Cliff Burnette, Manager of Airport Services, presented the needs for the Department of Aviation. Mr. Burnette began with a brief history of the Virginia Air Transportation System and the incredible growth the system has recently experienced. The Air Transportation System needs include funding for airport expansion, maintenance, new technology (navigational aids) and airport security (new program). 2005 needs total almost \$700 million, while \$5.4 billion will be needed by 2025. It is estimated that by the year 2025, there will be over \$3 billion in unfunded needs (56% of total needs).

Mr. Burnette put forth the following recommendations for the committee's consideration.

1. Modes must be coordinated in the delivery of transportation services and assets.
2. Provide appropriate level of funding in keeping with the State's growth.
3. Use aviation taxes for aviation purposes only.
4. Provide incentives to localities that efficiently use transportation funds and protect transportation assets.

Mr. Jeffrey Southard, VDOT's Chief of Planning and the Environment, presented an overview of VDOT's needs assessment, addressing the purpose and methodology. Mr. Southard stressed that this needs assessment is an objective planning analysis used to identify capacity and geometric deficiencies in the existing system and does not consider constructability, maintenance needs, recommendations from existing plans or studies, or any non-highway solutions. Current needs (2004) are \$35.1 billion and are projected to grow to \$56.1 billion by 2025 (in 2002 dollars).

Mr. Jeffrey Florin, Chief Engineer for the Virginia Port Authority (VPA) presented the Authority's major investment needs as documented in the VPA 2040 Master Plan. This plan included capital construction and major maintenance necessary to meet needs to 2040. For 2040, the total needs will be almost \$3 billion (inflated to year of expenditure). Projected revenues for 2005 – 2025 total approximately \$2 billion.

NOTE: THE NEEDS PRESENTED HERE ARE NOT ALIGNED ACROSS MODES AND THEREFORE ARE NOT COMPARABLE. THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE IS WORKING TO REMEDY THIS AND WILL SUPPLY THE COMMITTEE WITH 2025 NEEDS IN 2002 DOLLARS FOR ALL MODES.

Due to time constraints, the remainder of the agenda, *looking at ways to fill the gap between revenues and needs*, will be discussed at the May 20th meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:15 AM.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, May 20, 2004

VDOT Auditorium

Policy Committee members present:

Karen Rae
Julia Connally
Robert Bray
Ralph Davis
Gerald McCarthy
Kenny Klinge
Charles Macfarlane
Harry Lester
Hunter Watson
Jeff Southard (for Philip Shucet)

Whitt Clement
Kimberly Spence
Katherine Graham
Jim Lambert
Gus Robey
Mary Lynn Tischer
Kevin Page
Marsha Fiol
George Conner
Jeff Florin
Lynda South
Cliff Burnette
John Lawson
Art Collins (HRPDC)
Bruce Wingo (NS)
Barbara Reese
Connie Sorrell
James Carr

Others present: